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## **RESPONSE AND ELECTION**

Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office action dated January 23, 2009. The three-month period for responding to the Office action expired on February 23, 2009. The Applicant respectfully asks that the period for responding to the Office action be extended to March 23, 2009. Please charge \$130 for a one-month extension to Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. L&C-41325.

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single invention for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant hereby elects to proceed with Group 1, claims 1-28.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. TSW-41325.

Respectfully submitted, PEARNE & GORDON LLP

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